

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Doane, on March 30, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)  
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary  
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 21, 3/23/2017; SB 195, 3/23/2017; SB 200, 3/23/2017; SB 268, 3/23/2017

**HEARING ON SB 21**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:18 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 21, Code commissioner bill.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:50 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:05 Rep. Wagoner

00:04:55 Todd Everts, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:04 Sen. Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 200**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:05:48 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 200, Revise laws related to disposition of certain property held by law enforcement.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:24 David Nelson, Self

00:11:09 Iryna O'Connor, Helena

00:12:48 Joseph Cik, Great Falls

00:15:33 John Schaffer, Great Falls Police Department, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA), Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP)

00:18:27 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP)

00:20:49 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:19 Rep. Manzella

00:22:17 Sen. Buttrey

00:24:58 Rep. Eck

00:25:30 Joseph Cik, Great Falls

00:28:45 Rep. Eck

00:29:05 Sen. Buttrey

00:29:57 Rep. Usher

00:31:58 Joseph Cik, Great Falls

00:33:40 Rep. Usher

00:33:56 Sen. Buttrey

00:35:11 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
00:36:25 Sen. Buttrey  
00:37:39 Rep. Mortensen  
00:38:34 Mark Murphy, MACOP  
00:42:29 Rep. Eck  
00:43:10 Mark Murphy, MACOP  
00:46:22 Rep. Eck  
00:46:39 Sen. Buttrey  
00:47:49 Joseph Cik, Great Falls  
00:48:56 Rep. Berglee  
00:49:38 Sen. Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:50:35 Sen. Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 195****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:51:05 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 195, Generally revise laws related to unincorporated nonprofit associations.

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[EXHIBIT\(juh66a02\)](#)

00:52:12 Rep. McConnell joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:33 Rep. Regier  
01:03:08 Sen. Connell  
01:04:48 Rep. Kelker  
01:05:25 Sen. Connell  
01:06:30 Rep. McConnell  
01:07:00 Sen. Connell  
01:07:06 Chair Doane joined the meeting.  
01:12:00 Rep. C. Knudsen  
01:12:20 Sen. Connell  
01:16:48 Rep. Bishop  
01:18:19 Sen. Connell  
01:21:18 Rep. Wagoner  
01:21:37 Sen. Connell  
01:22:13 Rep. Manzella  
01:22:29 Sen. Connell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:25:43 Sen. Connell

**HEARING ON SB 268**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:29:50 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 268, Generally revise transparency in state employee settlement laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:32:49 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:35:15 Rep. McConnell  
01:35:44 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
01:37:21 Rep. Manzella  
01:37:50 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
01:38:22 Rep. C. Knudsen  
01:38:47 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:39:50 Sen. Fitzpatrick

01:42:14 Recess

01:45:39 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 300**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:45:52 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 300, Require health warning for raw milk sales.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:49:11 Jim Murphy, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:49:31 Rep. Manzella  
01:50:06 Sen. Sands  
01:50:37 Rep. Mortensen  
01:51:07 Sen. Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:52:03 Sen. Sands

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:55:15

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

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